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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

OZIE G. HAMMOND, JR., LCSW
License No. 44SC00871600

TO PRACTICE CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

INTERIM
CONSENT ORDER
OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey Board of Social Work Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of information indicating that respondent Ozie G. Hammond Jr. ("respondent") was arrested on October 19th, 2012 by the Mount Laurel Police Department, and charged with the following offenses: one count of promoting prostitution in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:34-1B(2); one count of intent to manipulate a controlled dangerous substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35(1); one count of possession/use of controlled substance (heroin) in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10A(1); and one count of possession/use of controlled substance (cocaine) in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10A(1). On November 6, 2012, additional charges were filed against

respondent, specifically: unlawful possession of a handgun in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5B; unlawful possession of hollow point ammunition in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-3F(1), and unlawful possession of high capacity magazines in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-2J.

The allegations, if proven, would demonstrate that the Respondent has engaged in acts constituting crimes of moral turpitude and relating adversely to the practice of clinical social work in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), providing a basis for discipline against respondent's license.

It appearing that respondent wishes to voluntarily enter into an interim agreement without prejudice to respondent's ability to defend the allegations against him; and the Board, finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and other good cause having been shown;

IT IS on this 9th day of January 2013

ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Respondent is hereby granted leave and shall immediately surrender his license to practice as a clinical social worker in the State of New Jersey, to be deemed a suspension, pending disposition of criminal charges and until further Order of the Board.

2. Respondent shall cease and desist from advertising, offering to engage in or engaging in the practice of clinical social work, social work, alcohol and drug counseling, mental health therapy and/or counseling, or the provision of social work

services in any setting, including exempt settings as defined by N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-5. Respondent also agrees not to engage in practice as nor apply for licensure as a mental health professional in any other state or jurisdiction.

3. Respondent shall surrender his original wall certificate, wallet certificate, and the most recent renewal card of his license to the Executive Director of the Board by mailing them to J. Michael Walker, Executive Director, Board of Social Work Examiners, P. O. Box 45033, Newark, New Jersey 07101, contemporaneously with his signing of this Order.

4. This Order shall not preclude the Board from initiating disciplinary action based upon the conduct relating to respondent as alleged above or any conviction relating to such conduct. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing the practice of social work or any mental health profession in this state or any other violations of the law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including but not limited to any matters under pending investigation

5. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of the respondent.

6. Any practice in this State in violation of the above conditions shall constitute unlicensed practice and/or grounds for discipline for violation of an Order of the Board as well as professional misconduct.

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

By: Dawn Apgar
~~Maryann Brown, PhD, ACSW~~
Acting Board Chair Dawn Apgar, PhD, LSW, ACSW

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is given to the Board for entry of this Order. I understand that this Order has serious professional and legal import, and I have decided to enter into this agreement without legal counsel.

Ozie G. Hammond Jr.
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